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The people of the Willamette Valley don't know what winter is.

"Responded to the will of the people!" Someone should send Booth a bushel of chestnuts.

"To run or not to run?" is the question several Democrats would like Governor West to answer. And it's just horrid mean to keep them in suspense.

The papers give it out that Huerta is going to resign the presidency and lead the army. Here's my bet he gets his in just about the same manner and place Madero got his.

THIS COURIER

With this issue The Courier extends its greetings to its readers and wishes them a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year; and also presents for their consideration a review of the resources and business of Oregon City and Clackamas county that is worth preservation. The Courier believes that this New Year's edition is representative of the normal business of this community, that it truly reflects the Oregon City spirit, and that it is a good issue of this paper to send to strangers not acquainted with our end of the world, so that they may form ideas of our activities and possibilities.

This issue is in no sense an "annual edition," gotten up to gouge unreasonable profits out of merchants. No advertising that appears in this paper was "forced in with a club," and advertising rates were not raised one cent for the extra large number of copies of this issue that will be printed. The Courier's main desire was to present a paper truly representative of local business; a paper that would be suitable to send to outsiders interested in the Farthest West. Such a paper is of more value as a convincing instrument of publicity than is a specially prepared "annual," into which every merchant or businessman is forced, whether he advertise or not, and which exaggerates the benefits to be found in a community, inflates the normal advertising market, and gives no intimation whatever of any drawbacks that may exist.

Every person who looks over this issue of The Courier will realize that there are a large number of active and wide-awake merchants in the community who have advertised in

its columns. If they have common sense they will also realize that a community that can support the stores and enterprises advertised herein must also support numerous other enterprises, which for reasons of their own have not regarded newspaper advertising as the best means of publicity for their own ends. There are, for instance, half a dozen excellent blacksmiths in this community, and though they have not advertised in these columns, The Courier thinks none the less of them. No effort was made to drive them to purchasing space in this issue—such is not The Courier's way of doing business, nor is it the Oregon City way.

In presenting this edition, The Courier is satisfied that it most truly represents the best spirit of business in this community, a spirit of live and let live, and mental attitude that represents the best spirit of business brought to Oregon City will benefit either directly or indirectly every local enterprise. And so the New Year's Courier is put into the hands of its friends, the public, ready for distribution anywhere, and worthy as a representative showing of the prosperity, advantages and resources of "the busiest little city in the Willamette Valley."

BACKING UP

Senator Bourne is again making an appeal to the newspapers to stand behind his proposition to abolish payment for initiative petitions, and the Courier has his second letter of explanations and reasons.

He says there are two evils under the present system—the submission of measures for which there is no popular demand and the forging of signatures.

He further says "One of the fundamental purposes of the Oregon system is to increase the power of men and decrease the power of money."

The Courier wants to treat Mr. Bourne and his proposed reforms fairly, but it believes that if enacted into law they would kill the initiative and referendum just as surely as if they were abolished—so far as the common classes are concerned.

If solicitors forge signatures, send them to the pen, just as forgers to checks are sent there. It is a dead cinch to nail them. There are the registration books, there are the county clerks, there are the pro-

secuting attorneys. This reason is no reason. As well forbid the printing of blank checks, because some one might forge one.

The reason that too many unpopular measures get on the ballot is also a weak one.

If they are unpopular the people will not vote for them—they will not become laws.

The point we make is this: Bourne will not get out in the country and push petitions. He won't circulate his own bills.

The Courier editor won't rustle petitions, but Bourne and Brown will pay some fellow who will do the work they won't do.

Forbid us to pay men to do this work and we give big business a "handicap and cinch."

The railroads, express companies, timber interests, wholesalers and the like can initiate bills through their organized forces of sales agents and employees, and the workmen and farmers can watch them slip them over.

Initiating bills by volunteer rustling won't initiate. It has been tried repeatedly and it has failed. Never a state wide bill has been so initiated. The Grange has tried it and failed, so have many others.

And what's it all about, anyway? Getting the required number of signatures doesn't make a bill a law.

It simply brings it up where the people can pass on it, and it doesn't make a bit of difference to the voters whether the solicitor of the bill got paid for his work, or whether it was done by sweet charity or beautiful patriotism.

Bourne's bill won't pass in Oregon. The people now have the power to rule, and they won't be fools enough to cripple that power.

Bourne helped to give it to them, and would now take it away.

THE GAME

The commissioners of Portland granted the Carver road a franchise in that city without a dissenting vote.

Now "the people" (place to laugh) are out with referendum petitions to hold it up until 1915.

"The people" have just about as much to do with it as they had in "persuading" Robert Booth to be a candidate for United States senator.

Big business stood Booth up and big business is trying to pull Carver down.

The P. R. L. & P. Co., doesn't want any competition between Oregon City and Portland.

They have had things about as they wanted them for the past—years, and they want to continue the cinch.

With a parallel road getting a part of the big traffic between this city and Portland, the company might have to grant this city the same rate it does to other points where it has competition.

It might have to run a faster service if another road got to taking some of its patronage.

It might have to double track to attending college at Albany, and Miss

meet competition. The P. R. L. & P. Co. is pretty well satisfied with its present route of jerking passengers around four miles of curves to take them eleven straight miles in one hour, and they want to be let alone.

And they know the means through which to BE let alone. Oregon City won't set itself back very far in giving competing lines a chance between here and Portland.

The P. R. L. & P. Co. and the S. P. have had a pretty tight cinch on this city and this county for many a long year.

Just recall how mighty quick the little Clackamas Southern forced the big octopus to build a line to Molalla when it saw it could not stop that railroad from building.

And remember that competition between here and Portland will force things to the advantage of this city.

The people of this city realize this. They want the road.

CUT OUT MILITIA

Logan Writer thinks \$243,689.82 is Too Much Pay for Results

A Portland paper reports that Admiral Dewey is saying: "I see, no signs of future war." Then why was it necessary for our grand (?) 1913 legislature to appropriate \$243,689.82 of the taxpayers' money for maintenance, deficiencies, etc. of our National Guard and Naval Militia? Would it not have been more serviceable for better roads and highways instead for tom foolishness?

It is about time that the people take a hand in this deal, abandon the naval militia altogether and cut the appropriation for National Guard down to \$50,000 or less.

Say, Mr. Farmer, when you take a load of pork or other produce to town, you ask the dealer how much he will pay you. He sets his price, saying 10c for pork, etc. But if you buy from him the dealer, does he ask you how much you are willing to pay? Oh no! this is another question all together. His price is so much. You take it for that or go without it. Why don't we producers do the same? By so operating with the consumer and selling to him direct we could do it.

Harding Grange will install new officers Saturday next.

"Pomona" will meet at Harding Grange Hall, Logan, the second Wednesday in January.

Morris Ward, of Eastern Oregon, has leased the W. P. Kirchem farm for the coming season.

Moser Bros. have started sawing lumber again after an idleness of several months.

Mrs. Nellie Howard of San Francisco, is visiting at the home of her parents, M. N. Riebhoff.

The appointment of Wm. Grisenthwaite as sealer of weights and measures by our County Court, gives general satisfaction. A better selection could not be made.

Miss Wilhelmina Henricen who is attending college at Albany, and Miss

Genevieve Mumpower of Corvallis, are spending their vacations at their respective homes.

Grant Mumpower surely has had luck. Sometime ago he cut his finger with an axe and on Christmas eve, while returning from Oregon City in an auto he slipped at the approach of Baker's bridge and broke part of his nose.

Lone Pine Lodge No. 53 A. F. & A. M. of Logan installed in Saint John's day the following newly elected officers: W. M.—R. E. Korr; S. W.—J. Hindle; J. W.—S. S. Wilson; Sec.—F. P. Wilson; Treas.—Henry Babler; S. D.—T. Mm Pahl; J. S. D.—S. G. Kirchem; S. S.—J. W. Dowdy; J. S.—L. H. Kirchem; Tyler—A. M. Kirchem; Trustees: H. W. Hagemann, Geo. A. Kohl, T. White.

HALF CENTURY'S SUCCESS IS PLANT'S FINE RECORD

Oregon City Manufacturing Company First Began Operating Here in 1864

Founded during the closing days of the Civil War, and increasing steadily since then in the size and output of its plant, the Oregon City Manufacturing Company is today one of the leading industrial concerns of the Willamette Valley, and gives employment to some 350 men and women residents of Oregon City. The great plant lies along the river front south of Third street, and aside from the main factory building includes storage and shipping sheds and other accessory departments.

Known popularly as the Oregon City "Woolen Mills", the concern manufactures close to a million dollar's worth of products every year, thus putting into the hands of the buying public between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 pounds of wool—the major portion of the wool clip annually in the Northwest.

The products of the great factory are varied in the extreme, and include all grades of blankets, "Mackinaw" clothing, shirts, bathrobes, shawls, Indian robes, and woolen yarns and cloth. The entire output of the concern is sold directly to the retail trade through a special sales organization maintained by the company.

Modern machinery aids the nimble workers in the great mill in turning out the various finished products, and complicated weaving machines operating at high speed turn long shreds of yarn into beautiful and warm cloth, which later finds its way into the homes of Americans far and near, there to materially add to their bodily comfort. "Nothing but the best" is the motto of the Oregon City Manufacturing Company; and as a result the goods made at the big plant have won an enviable reputation during the 49 years that the trade has been supplied.

Doing the huge business that is annually handled, and employing the regiment of employees that it does, the Oregon City Manufacturing Company probably adds as much to the prosperity of the county seat as any

other single concern. Not only is its payroll the means of keeping many families, but the financial details of the business, handled through the local offices, do much to swell the cash transactions of the city as a mercantile center.

"MOVIE HOUSE" UP-TO-DATE

Grand Theatre performances are Equal of Any of Big Portland Film Shows

Manager Charles Schram, of the Grand Theatre, believes that anything worth doing at all is worth doing well. And in that belief, and its practice lies the success of his theatre, which is generally conceded to be the most popular straight moving picture house in Oregon City. The four pictures offered daily at the Grand are selected by Mr. Schram at the film exchanges in Portland, and every photoplay shown is what is known as a "first run picture."

Not only is this the rule, but Mr. Schram has further adopted metropolitan ideas by opening his theatre every morning at eleven, and running pictures continuously until the close of the evening period. No other moving picture house in Clackamas county does this, nor does any other film theatre change its program daily. In short, patrons of the Grand are accorded the same features as are to be found in the largest of the Portland moving picture theatres.

Among the standing attractions of the Grand is the running of the favorite Pathe Weekly twice each week,

showing scenes and events from all parts of the world. The interest in this "photographic newspaper" is constant, and the Grand has among its patrons many who visit the theatre every Tuesday and Friday to see these pictures of the important events of the world. Aside from this feature of the program, the Grand offers the biggest feature films immediately through their release by the manufacturing companies.

Strict supervision of the house throughout each performance by watchful ushers assures patrons not only comfort, but freedom for any annoyance. Music to accompany the chief feature films is provided by a skilled pianist, and everything is done to make those who visit the Grand feel that the chief aim of the management is to give everybody just what they want in the line of entertainment.

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